

SECOND PRIMARY OCCURS TUESDAY

Number of State, County and Beat Officers are to Be Named.

RACES WILL BE CLOSE

Two Representatives From East Side Will Be Among Those Elected.

The second Democratic primary election will be held next Tuesday and the results of several of the races in the county promise to be very close.

There are to be only three state officers chosen in the county. The race for land commissioner is between Henry C. Wood and M. A. Brown, and the contest for revenue agent is between C. J. Moore and Stokes V. Robertson. P. E. Mathews and L. Q. Stone are the candidates for prison trustee from the northern district.

Two representatives from the east side of Lowndes county are to be named, the three candidates for the place being John F. Friereson, T. G. Blewett and D. L. Irvin.

Men to fill three county offices will be chosen. J. T. Stephenson and R. E. L. Smith are candidates for circuit clerk, T. B. Brownlee and Geo. W. Vaughn are running for tax assessor, and B. G. Hull and E. A. Stanley are in the race for superintendent of education.

In this district a supervisor, a justice of the peace and a constable will be elected. L. A. Hatcher and J. A. Goree are candidates for supervisor, R. M. Nickles and Bevely Matthews for justice of the peace, and J. T. Robertson and J. C. Morehead for constable.

In the first district H. H. Walters and C. E. Betts are running for supervisor. In the third district two justices of the peace will be selected between three candidates, J. M. Holloway, G. D. McKellar and A. M. Loftis. In this district the supervisors race will be between R. G. Harris and Joe J. Ellis. J. A. Watson and N. G. Fort are in the race for supervisor of the fifth district, and in this district two justices of the peace will be selected between William L. Ellis, J. E. Daugherty and J. D. Roberts.

Big Monday At Princess and A Paramount Feature Tuesday.

The attraction at the Princess for Monday is 5 reels embracing comedy and drama.

Essanay presents, Bryant Washburn and Edna Mayo in "The Sky Hunters," an original photo-play in 8 reels, that we guarantee as entertainment.

Vitagraph presents, The Vitagraph Fun Makers, in "A Pair of Queens," a 2 reel comedy that would make a horse laugh.

Princess Orchestra, real music, making a program that will please 5 and 10c.

The Paramount Feature for Tuesday August 4th, is the distinguished star, Wm. H. Crane in his famous stage success, "David Harum" one of the most conspicuous triumphs of American dramatic fiction. The production is in 5 reels. Admission 5 and 15c.

Mrs. A. J. Burrage and two children, Miss Annie Louise and Jack Jr., are expected home the coming week from the mountains of North Carolina, where they have been spending the summer.

Mr. W. J. Whitfield, Valdosta, Ga., is spending several days here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Whitfield.

AMERICAN LIVES LOST ON ARABIC

Forty Members of Crew Also Go Down on White Star Liner.

GERMANS TAKE LAST FORT

Capture of Novogeorgievsk With Several Hundred Guns Announced.

London, Aug. 20.—At least five passengers, two of them Americans, and 40 members of the crew lost their lives when the White Star liner Arabic was torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine off Fastnet yesterday morning. Nine others are missing and are believed to have perished.

The two Americans lost were Mrs. Josephine Bruguirre, of New York and Edmond T. Woods. Mrs. Bruguirre was thrown into the water and was kept afloat for some time by her son, Louis, who was forced to relinquish his hold when he was struck by a piece of wreckage. Nothing was seen of Woods after the steamer was struck.

As a result of the fall of the fortress of Novogeorgievsk, it was announced by Berlin today, it is now expected that the other great Russian fortresses of Grodno, Ossowetz and Brest-Litovsk, will fall. The Russians a fortnight ago left the Novogeorgievsk garrison to delay the Germans. The Germans announce with it they captured seven hundred guns and a vast amount of war material.

Mr. Gaius Whitfield, of Demopolis, Ala., is spending the week-end in Columbus.

DR. CURRY REAPPOINTED HEAD OF BLIND INSTITUTE

Former Columbian Is Again Named by Brewer as Superintendent of Institution.

Dr. R. S. Curry, a former Columbian, who since 1911 has been superintendent of the Mississippi State Blind Institute, at Jackson, was reappointed the past week by Governor Brewer for a term of two years.

The reappointment of Dr. Curry met with popular approval over the state, especially in Columbus, where he is well known and liked.

Dr. Curry is a native of Carrollton, Ala., and is now in his 53rd year. He graduated from the medical department of the University of Alabama in 1885, and practiced at Carrollton for one year, when he moved to Mississippi and has since resided in this state, having been one of the foremost practitioners in Columbus at the time of his appointment as superintendent of the state institution for the blind in 1911. He has made a specialty of eye, ear, nose and throat work in his profession. In 1907 he was chosen as president of the Mississippi Medical association, and was a member of the board of councilors for several years. He is now a member of the legislative committee of that body, and has served as president of the Hinds-Rankin Medical society for the past three years.

During the incumbency of Dr. Curry the enrollment at the institution has increased from fifty to eighty pupils, and at the approaching session the number of pupils will no doubt almost equal the capacity of the school. A new school building has been erected since he took charge, to accommodate the increased attendance.



BREWER GRANTS PARDON TO DR. T. R. BIRDSONG

Well Known Slayer of Dr. Pitts is Released—Has Been Prison Dentist.

Jackson, Miss., Aug. 20.—Gov. Brewer has granted a pardon to Dr. T. B. Birdsong, of Yazoo City, one of the state's most noted criminals. Dr. Birdsong was sent up from Copiah county seven years ago to serve a life term for the murder of Dr. Albert Pitts, a prominent physician at Hazelhurst. Dr. Birdsong who is a dentist occupied offices at Hazelhurst adjoining those of Dr. Pitts. The killing took place while Dr. Birdsong was intoxicated. After he was arrested he manifested sincere grief, according to Governor Brewer. Dr. Birdsong said he had no recollection whatever of having committed the crime and that he had considered Dr. Pitts one of his best friends.

Since being sent to the penitentiary Dr. Birdsong has been acting as prison dentist. He belongs to one of the foremost families in Copiah county. The pardon was issued from meritorious conduct on the part of Dr. Birdsong who has made a model prisoner. Dr. Birdsong went to the governor's office late today, received his discharge papers, thanked the chief executive for what he had done and left for his home.

HAPPENINGS OF INTEREST GATHERED HERE AND THERE

Gist of the News From Over the Country Given in a Brief Form.

Something unusual for this season of the year was the registering of the thermometer here yesterday morning at 73.

Lester L. Bauer, of Chicago, chairman of the committee which was active in obtaining a commutation of Frank's sentence says that \$1,500 of a proposed \$20,000 fund to be offered as reward for the apprehension of members of the mob that lynched Frank has been raised.

An Iowa truck farmer irrigates his land by pumping water from an artesian well with a pump to which his automobile is attached.

It is officially announced that a German fleet has penetrated the Gulf of Riga and is engaged with the Russian warships defending the coast.

ARRANGE PROGRAM FOR FARMERS' INSTITUTE

Much Interest Being Taken In Meetings to Be Held Over the County.

The one-day Farmers' Institutes to be held in this county during the week of August 30th are attracting much interest.

The first meeting is to be held at Mt. Vernon Monday. The other places and dates named are Rural Hill, Tuesday; Woodlawn, Wednesday; New Salem, Thursday; C. W. Evans, Friday; Lone Oak, Saturday.

The following is the program of the meeting which will be called promptly at 10 o'clock each morning:

Morning session—Men and Women; 10 to 12.

1. Dairying with special reference to Cream Shipping Routes, by Prof. J. S. Moore, Dairy Husbandry Department of A. & M. College.

2. Soil Conservation and Crop Rotations, by Prof. J. R. Ricks, Agronomist A. & M. College; and Prof. J. W. Willis, Dist. Agt. U. S. Demonstration Work.

Afternoon Session, 1:00 to 4:00; —Men's Section, 1:00 to 3:00.

1. Live Stock for Sandy Lands; Kinds, Breeding, Feeding, etc., by Prof. I. W. Carpenter, Animal Husbandry Dept., A. & M. College.

2. Common Diseases of Live Stock and their Treatment, by Dr. E. Barnett, Animal Husbandry Dept., A. & M. College.

Woman's Section, 1:00 to 3:00: 1. Woman's Work, by Miss Constance Bouslogel, head of the Economics Dept. of the Extension Work, A. & M. College.

Joint Session, 3:00 to 4:00: Community Organization, by all the Faculty.

The meeting at the barbecue grounds on W. C. Evans' place will have a special program at which Prof. E. R. Lloyd will talk on "Scientific Stock Feeding," and Prof. D. Scoates of the Agricultural Eng. Dept., of A. & M. College, will talk on Tile Draining. At this meeting a barbecue will be given by Schaeffer's Chapel, for which a charge will be made to pay an indebtedness on their church. Citizens of Columbus are specially invited.

Rev. Smeade Here Today. Arch Deacon Rev. George Gordon Smeade, of Jackson, will spend today in Columbus and will conduct holy communion at 7:30 and services at 11 a. m., at St. Paul's Episcopal church.

CAMP MEETING BEING HELD AT TABERNACLE

Services Which Will Continue Through Thursday Being Largely Attended.

The annual camp meeting at Tabernacle Camp grounds, located about ten miles east of Columbus on the Tuscaloosa road, was formally opened last evening and is being attended by many people. About forty camp houses and tents are being occupied by families from East Mississippi and West Alabama, who expect to remain there throughout the revival which will continue until next Thursday night.

Four services will be held at Tabernacle today, 8 a. m., 11 a. m., 3 p. m., and 8 p. m. Many Columbians expect to spend the day there.

The meeting is being conducted by Rev. A. N. Burns, pastor of the Methodist church at Ethelville, Ala., who is being assisted by Rev. Anderson, presiding elder of the Ethelville circuit, Rev. Smith and Rev. Driscoll. The services are being held under a huge pavilion, which can accommodate several hundred people.

Miss Kittie Myrick is visiting relatives in Shuqalak, and before returning home will also visit friends and relatives in Macon and Brooksville.

FAILS TO GET MESSAGE; BRINGS SUIT FOR \$1,025

Mr. Seth A. Meek Invited to House Party But Didn't Get Invitation.

Claiming that he never received a Telegram sent him on June 18 inviting him to a house party at Tunica, Mr. Seth A. Meek has filed suit through his uncle, Attorney W. C. Meek, against the Western Union Telegraph Company for \$1,025.

The Western Union claims that the message was delivered over telephone at night to someone at the office of the D. S. Fate Lumber Company, where Mr. Meek is employed. The young man, however, denies that he ever received the telegram.

In the suit Mr. Meek asks for statutory damages of \$25 and punitive damages of \$1,000.

See Graham's 5c counter for sheet music.

100 LIVES LOST IN TEXAS STORM

Property Loss Will Run Far Into Millions of Dollars.

GALVESTON RECOVERING

Witnesses Most Severe Storm in Its History Last Monday and Tuesday.

Houston, Texas, Aug. 20.—The fourth day after the cessation of one of the most severe storms Galveston has ever experienced, found this city gradually recovering from the terrific onslaught of the elements and conditions, slowly approaching normal. Tonight the city showed plainly the distressing effects of the battering received from the wind and rain and inrushing of the sea.

Outside of Galveston verified reports show ten persons dead. The last message from Galveston, brought to Houston tonight by boat, stated that the number of dead had not become definitely established, but it was not believed that it would exceed 20.

No definite figures of the property damage, vaguely estimated in the millions, was available tonight.

Texas City, across the bay from Galveston, where the second division of the United States army was encamped, suffered the heaviest human toll. In that city 32 persons were drowned.

Remote points on Galveston bay, which penetrates the mainland for fifty miles from the coast line, began to report today. At Hnahuac, on this bay, the loss of the United States dredge boat number 12 was confirmed. All of the crew were rescued. The loss of life at Anahuac was five.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS ARE TO OPEN HERE SEPTEMBER 13

Attendance This Year Promises to Be the Largest in History.

Prof. W. V. Frierson, Jr., superintendent of the city schools, announced yesterday that the 1915-16 session would begin here Monday, September 13.

The attendance at Franklin Academy, Barrow Memorial and Air Line schools promises to equal any in the history of these three institutions.

The opening date of the Industrial Institute and College is September 21.

Two Men Arrested.

Knowing that the grand jury was in session at Vernon, Ala., the past week, Hewett Malloy and Molly Springfield, two young men of Sulligent, Ala., who were being held in Lamar county on serious charges, tried to skip their bonds and came to this city in an automobile early Thursday morning. Chief of Police Munger received a telephone call before daylight to be on the watch out for the two men.

Malloy was caught by Policeman Morton and Foreman on a passenger train at the Southern depot, and Springfield was arrested in a local garage.

Deputy Sheriff T. O. Smith, of Lamar county, was notified and came here Thursday afternoon for the two prisoners.

Springfield is wanted on two charges of assault and battery and Malloy is charged with assault.

Mrs. A. T. Henley, of Brooksville, is visiting her sister, Mrs. A. D. Myrick.

LETTER RECEIVED FROM REV. SLACK

Writes Interestingly of Visit Being Made in Canal Zone.

CLEANLINESS SURPRISING

Describes in Beautiful Words His Trip With His Daughter to Ancon.

The following letter from Rev. W. S. Slack, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal church, of this city, who is enjoying a delightful visit to the Panama Canal Zone with his attractive daughter, Miss Carolyn Slack, will be read with much interest by his many friends here and elsewhere:

Ancon, Panama, C. Z., August 10, 1915.

Editor Commercial: Columbus, Miss., Dear friend:

Don't you wish you were an editor down here and had to get out your paper in English and Spanish. I am mailing you here-with a copy of the principal daily published here. There is another but I have not seen a copy of it, and from the editorial critics of The Star and Herald I infer that the use of the English language is rather peculiar, but not more so than ours would be if writing in a foreign language.

It is confusing to the stranger when he first comes down here to distinguish between the twin towns or cities at each end of the canal, but as soon as you grasp the fact that one is "American," that is to say under the control of the United States, and the other is Panamanian, it will become much easier. At the Atlantic entrance you find Christobal and Colon, the former American, the latter Panamanian, and at the Pacific end there is Balboa, American, and Panama, as the name indicates, Panamanian, and the latter is the capital city.

Ancon is the seat of the hospital and is up the hill from Balboa. Ancon is the name of the hill which towers above Panama, Balboa and Ancon, rising as it does to a height of 650 feet and visible for miles out at sea and it is surmounted with a government bench mark, a land mark for miles away. At the foot of this hill is spread out all of these towns.

The French government before, and our government after the French, has gone to great expense in beautifying these grounds and now they form a very paradise.

Imagine asphalt drives and bordered with schilling pavement winding gently in and out between great tall groves of the royal palm, the most stately of all palms, or coconut palms with the nut in every stage of development, or huge wild fig trees, or the rain-tree, as they call it because its leaves close up and holding the dew when they open in the morning it falls out. But more wonderful still are the avenues of frangipani in full bloom, and oh how fragrant they are with their stiff blooms of snowy whiteness and yellow centers. Then we find there are the royal poincianas, with their orchid looking blooms of royal Spanish color, in fact, it has been commented on what a number of blooms in this former Spanish-American territory are of the familiar red and yellow. Speaking of orchids, this is a very paradise of them, and poor indeed is the household that does not number many rare varieties in their collection where almost every tree is a quarry of the rare exotics it is no wonder they are so common down here.

The view from Ancon hill is one never to be forgotten. I

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